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PROTEASE

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Arlington, VA 22313

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action  
in the above-identified application, kindly amend the  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, on the first line after the title,  
insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of co-pending  
application 09/731,129, filed December 6, 2000, which is a  
continuation of co-pending International patent application